

Application No. 10/663,045
Amendment dated September 24, 2008
Reply to Office Action of January 25, 2008

Remarks:

Status of Claims

Claims 1-3, 5-7, 23-26, and 28-30 were previously pending. Claims 1 and 24 are amended herein and claims 6 and 28 are canceled. Thus, claims 1-3, 5, 7, 23-26, and 29-30 remain pending with claims 1 and 24 being independent.

Entry of After-Final Amendment

Entry of this Amendment after final rejection is proper as the amendments to claims 1 and 24 merely incorporate the features previously recited in now-canceled dependent claims 6 and 28. Thus, entry of this Amendment does not require an additional search by the Examiner as claims 6 and 28 have been previously searched and examined. Further, entry of the Amendment places all claims in a condition for allowance or places the claims in a better form for appeal.

Note Regarding Co-Pending Application

Applicant respectfully notes for the Examiner's convenience that co-pending application no. 10/663,044 (also under examination by the Examiner) includes pending claims related to a carrying case that may include a speaker to generate sound corresponding to signals provided by a navigation device. Application no. 10/663,044 is currently under final rejection.

Office Action

In the January 25, 2008, Office Action, the Examiner rejected all pending claims as being obvious over various combinations of Schoenfish (U.S. 6,370,037), Sturt (U.S. 2003/0184111), Meyers (U.S. 6,102,284), and a MEADE telescope catalog (NPL).

A Docking Station Including a Speaker

Independent claims 1 and 24 have been amended herein to include the features previously recited in claims 6 and 28. In particular, independent claims 1 and 24 now recite that the "the

docking station is operable to electrically couple with the navigation device and includes a speaker for providing audible navigation instructions generated by the navigation device.”

Thus, the speaker recited in the independent claims comprises a portion of the docking station and not the navigation device. Such functionality may be desirable, for example, where the navigation device lacks a powerful speaker that can generate audible sound in a noisy automobile environment.

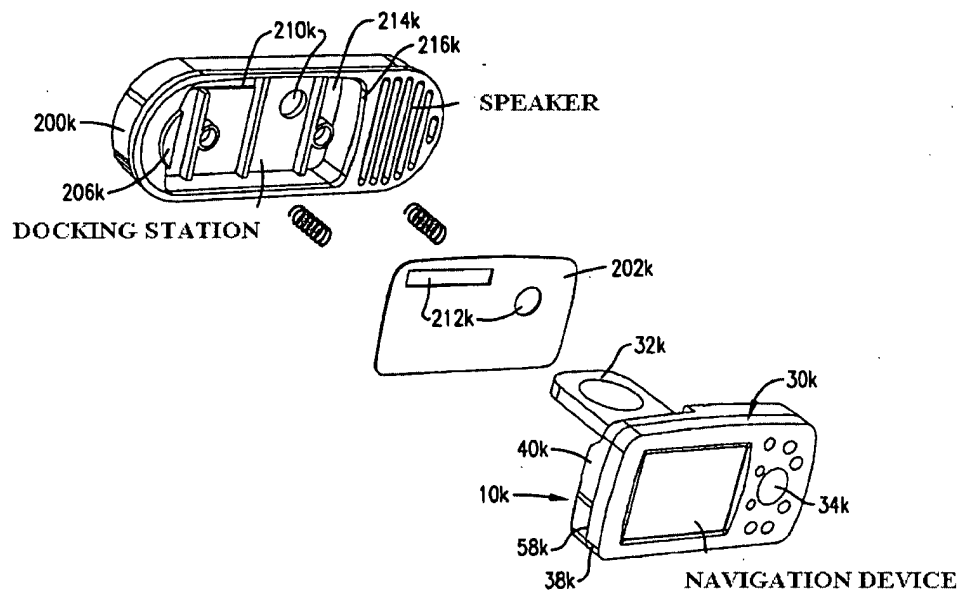


FIG. 22 (annotated)

No combination of the Examiner's cited references teaches a docking station that can receive a navigation device and which includes a speaker to provide audible navigation instructions generated by the navigation device. The Examiner contends that Sturt discloses a docking station that may include a speaker (Office Action, pg. 6). Although the Examiner is correct that Sturt's overhead console can include a conventional audio/visual system, Sturt does not disclose or suggest a *docking station* with a speaker that can dock with a navigation device to play audio generated by the navigation device, as is recited in the independent claims. Thus, Sturt provides no evidentiary

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support that would teach one skilled in the art to include a speaker on Shoenfish's docking station
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As such, all claims should now be in a condition for allowance.

Conclusion

Any additional fee which is due in connection with this Amendment should be applied against our Deposit Account No. 501-791. Applicant encourages the Examiner to contact the undersigned should he have any questions.

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